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Title: Need to retain Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Telugu languages as a medium of examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission.

SHRI S.K. KHARVENTHAN (PALANI): On 29.04.2008 Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Shriprakash Jaiswal laid a statement before the Lok Sabha about the inclusion of Bhojpuri and Rajasthani language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

In the statement he categorically mentioned about the examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission in regional languages which come under Eighth Schedule.

At present the Eighth Schedule consists of 22 languages inclusive of Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada.

As per Hon'ble Minister's statement the candidates appearing in the Civil Services (Main) Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission are allowed to write the examination in any of the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. Further, he had stated that the present link between the Eighth Schedule language may be delinked from the UPSCs scheme of examination keeping in view of the problems faced by the Commission in conducting the examination in all the languages listed in the Eighth Schedule.

I want to bring to the kind notice of the Hon'ble Prime Miinister that large number of rural poor students appearing in UPSC examinations in their mother tongue like Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada and Telugu have got through.

I feel the present proposal of UPSC to delink the above languages may prevent the South Indian poor youths from entering into Civil Services and it is a great injustice to them.

I urge upon the Government of India to direct the UPSC not to cancel the examination conducted through regional languages like Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Telugu which come under Eighth Schedule.